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MILK PRODUCTION OCTOBER 2010

Colorado dairy herds produced 241 million pounds of milk during the October 2010 period, about 8 percent above the 223 million pounds produced during the same period in 2009. The average number of milk cows on hand during the month was 122,000, up 6,000 head from the same month last year. Production per cow averaged 1,975 pounds for October, 55 pounds per cow more than last year at this time.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from October 2009. September revised production at 14.5 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from September 2009. The September revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,767 pounds for October, 47 pounds above October 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 52,000 head more than October 2009, but unchanged from September 2010.

Colorado and 23 State Milk Production, Oct., 2009-10

Item	Unit	2009	2010
Colorado:			
Milk Cows <u>1</u> /	1,000 head	116	122
Production per cow <u>2</u> /....	Pounds	1,920	1,975
Production <u>2</u> /	Mil. lbs.	223	241
23 State Total:			
Milk Cows <u>1</u> /	1,000 head	8,316	8,368
Production per cow <u>2</u> /....	Pounds	1,720	1,767
Production <u>2</u> /	Mil. lbs.	14,306	14,784

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

COLD STORAGE OCTOBER 31, 2010

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on October 31, 2010 were greater than year earlier levels for chicken, eggs

and cheese. Butter stocks were down 17 percent from last month and down 43 percent from a year ago. Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 7 percent from the previous month but down 7 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 13 percent from the previous month but down 7 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 482 percent from last month but down 37 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on October 31, 2010 were down 3 percent from the previous month and down slightly from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 3 percent from the previous month and up 15 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 12 percent from last month and down 19 percent from October 31, 2009.

Stocks in Storage, United States

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2009	Sept. 30, 2010	Oct. 31, 2010
1,000 Pounds			
Butter	190,624	129,956	108,165
Cheese, total natural.....	969,185	1,042,075	1,036,888
Eggs, frozen	22,912	26,054	25,453
Poultry, total frozen	1,158,697	1,189,833	1,154,306
Chicken.....	635,994	711,197	733,500
Turkey.....	517,463	473,745	417,389
Fruits, frozen.....	1,501,050	1,113,069	1,293,902
Fruit Juices, frozen.....	1,465,105	1,337,836	1,240,491
Vegetables, total frozen....	2,724,568	2,550,000	2,641,019
Potatoes, total frozen.....	1,162,924	1,070,106	1,133,996
Meats, total red	17,172,020	13,259,634	16,032,021
Beef, total frozen.....	427,716	396,818	402,003
Pork, total frozen.....	516,300	424,322	478,181

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the Armed Forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

CROP PRODUCTION NOVEMBER 1, 2010

Colorado's **corn** for grain production for 2010 remains forecast at 171.36 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year's crop of 151.47 million bushels but unchanged from the October 1 forecast. Expected average yield is forecast at 144 bushels per acre, down 9 bushels from the previous year. Producers are expected to harvest 1.19 million acres for grain. **Sorghum** production for 2010 is now expected to total 5.60 million bushels, up from the October 1 forecast of 5.18 million bushels, but 17 percent below last year's crop of 6.75 million bushels. The 2010 yield is expected to average 40 bushels per

acre, up 3 bushels from last month but 5 bushels below the 2009 average. The area expected to be harvested remains at 140,000 acres, which is 10,000 acres less than last year. **Sugarbeet** production is now forecast at 820,000 tons, down 143,000 tons from the previous year. Yields are expected to average a record high 29.5 tons per acre, up 1.5 tons from last month and up 2.0 tons per acre from the yield attained in 2009. The area for harvest is forecast at 27,800 acres, down from 35,000 acres in 2009.

Fall potato growers in the San Luis Valley produced an estimated 21.53 million hundredweight of potatoes this year, down 552,000 hundredweight from last year's crop. Average yield was set at 390 hundredweight per acre, down 10 hundredweight per acre from last year's record high yield of 400 hundredweight per acre. Harvested area of 55,200 acres this year was unchanged from 2009.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and down 4 percent from last year's record production of 13.1 billion bushels. As of November 1, yields are expected to average 154.3 bushels per acre, down 1.5 bushels from the previous month and 10.4 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels. Forecasted yields decreased from last month throughout much of the Corn Belt, with the biggest decline forecasted in Missouri, down 7 bushels per acre. The expected yield in South Dakota declined 5 bushels from last month while the Nebraska yield dropped 4 bushels per acre. Record high yields are forecast in California, Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Sorghum production is forecast at 338 million bushels, up fractionally from the October 1 forecast but 12 percent below last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 4.66 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but 16 percent below last year. If realized, this will be the lowest harvested acreage on record since 1936. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 72.5 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel from October and up 3.1 bushels from last year. Record high yields are forecast in Louisiana and Texas.

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2010 crop year is forecast at 31.9 million tons, down 4 percent from the October 1 forecast but 8 percent above 2009. Producers expect to harvest 1.15 million acres, up 29,000 acres from October and up 4,900 acres from 2009. Yield is forecast at 27.7 tons per acre, a decrease of 1.9 tons from the previous forecast but 2.0 tons above last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield for the United States. Record high yields are also expected in Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wyoming.

Production of **fall potatoes** for 2010 is forecast at 361 million cwt, down 8 percent from 2009. Area harvested, at 882,500 acres, is slightly above the July forecast. The average yield forecast, at 410 cwt per acre, is down 19 cwt per acre from last year's record high yield.

Idaho's yield is forecast at 389 cwt per acre. A cool, wet spring hindered growth and shortened the harvest season. Production in Idaho, at 114 million cwt, is down 14 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is the lowest since 1980. In eastern Washington, below normal temperatures aided plant growth. In the western area, crop progress slowed due to surplus rainfall. In Colorado, growing conditions were generally favorable in the San Luis Valley. Oregon's crop was delayed due to wet conditions. Yields were adversely affected in California by a cool spring and fall rains. In North Dakota, crop condition was rated mostly good to excellent throughout the growing season. Harvest progressed ahead of normal and was virtually complete by mid-October. Wisconsin growers reported average crop conditions and below normal crop size.

In Maine, potato development was ahead of schedule by mid-June. Field conditions were reported to be excellent, with many growers beginning harvest in early September.

All Potatoes production in 2010 from all seasons is forecast at 399 million cwt, down 7 percent from 2009. Harvested area, at 1.01 million acres, is down 3 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 396 cwt per acre, down 18 cwt from the previous year record high yield of 414 cwt per acre.

UPCOMING REPORTS

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>

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Acres, yield, and production, Colorado and United States, 2009-2010

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Unit	Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres			Units per acre		1,000 units	
Colorado:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	1,100	1,330	990	1,190	Bu.	153.0	144.0	151,470	171,360
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	180	210	150	140	Bu.	45.0	40.0	6,750	5,600
All Wheat.....	2,630	2,478	2,479	2,377	Bu.	40.6	45.5	100,610	108,234
Winter Wheat.....	2,600	2,450	2,450	2,350	Bu.	40.0	45.0	98,000	105,750
Spring Wheat.....	30	28	29	27	Bu.	90.0	92.0	2,610	2,484
Oats.....	60	55	9	9	Bu.	65.0	65.0	585	585
Barley	78	64	77	63	Bu.	135.0	133.0	10,395	8,379
Proso Millet	170	190	150	4/	Bu.	35.0	4/	5,250	4/
All Hay .....	...	...	1,600	1,620	Tons	2.99	4/	4,778	4/
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	850	840	Tons	3.9	4.1	3,315	3,444
Other Hay .....	...	...	750	780	Tons	1.95	1.8	1,463	1,404
Sugarbeets.....	35.1	29.0	35.0	27.8	Tons	27.5	29.5	963	820
Dry edible beans	57	70	53	66	Cwt.	16.0	17.0	848	1,122
Sunflowers, All	91	130	87	120	Lbs.	1,403	1,093	122,060	131,200
Sunflowers, Oil.....	70	95	68	88	Lbs.	1,320	4/	89,760	4/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil....	21	35	19	32	Lbs.	1,700	4/	32,300	4/
All potatoes.....	60.0	4/	59.1	4/	Cwt.	401.0	4/	23,679	4/
Summer potatoes	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0	Cwt.	410.0	390.0	1,599	1,560
Fall potatoes.....	56.0	55.5	55.2	55.2	Cwt.	400.0	390.0	22,080	21,528
Apples.....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	16,000	16,000
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	13	14
United States:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	86,482	88,222	79,590	81,263	Bu.	164.7	154.3	13,110,062	12,539,646
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	6,633	5,402	5,520	4,658	Bu.	69.4	72.5	382,983	337,619
All Wheat <u>2/</u>	59,168	53,603	49,893	47,637	Bu.	44.5	46.4	2,218,061	2,208,391
Winter Wheat.....	43,346	37,335	34,510	31,749	Bu.	44.2	46.8	1,524,608	1,485,236
Spring Wheat	13,268	13,698	12,955	13,359	Bu.	45.1	46.1	584,411	615,975
Oats.....	3,404	3,138	1,379	1,263	Bu.	67.5	64.3	93,081	81,190
Barley	3,567	2,872	3,113	2,465	Bu.	73.0	73.1	227,323	180,268
Rye.....	1,241	1,211	252	265	Bu.	27.8	28.0	6,993	7,431
Proso Millet	350	385	293	4/	Bu.	33.7	4/	9,865	4/
All Hay .....	...	...	59,755	59,656	Tons	2.47	2.55	147,442	152,278
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	21,227	20,732	Tons	3.35	3.44	71,030	71,326
Other Hay .....	...	...	38,528	38,924	Tons	1.98	2.08	76,412	80,952
Sugarbeets.....	1,185.8	1,186.5	1,148.6	1,153.5	Tons	25.7	27.7	29,563	31,934
Dry edible beans	1,537.5	1,900.0	1,463.0	1,829.3	Cwt.	17.3	17.8	25,360	32,615
Sunflowers, All	2,030.0	1,952.5	1,953.5	1,872.8	Lbs.	1,554	1,552	3,036,460	2,905,830
Sunflowers, Oil.....	1,698.0	1,465.0	1,653.0	1,414.5	Lbs.	1,563	4/	2,584,010	4/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil.....	332.0	487.5	300.5	458.3	Lbs.	1,506	4/	452,450	4/
All potatoes <u>3/</u>	1,068.1	1,023.2	1,041.3	1,009.2	Cwt.	414	396	431,318	399,231
Summer potatoes	43.2	38.3	41.7	37.1	Cwt.	343	317	14,321	11,779
Fall potatoes.....	936.7	893.0	917.2	882.5	Cwt.	429	410	393,544	361,392
Soybeans.....	77,451	77,714	76,372	76,823	Bu.	44.0	43.9	3,359,011	3,375,067
Apples.....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	9,914,900	9,413,500
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	1,104	1,126

1/ Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain. 2/ Includes Durum Wheat. 3/ Includes Winter and Spring Crops.

4/ January 12, 2011.